

said host computing device and to convert said modulated baseband signal into an electromagnetic RF signal to feed to said antenna; and

an interface coupled to said RF head and configured to physically couple said RF modem to said host computing device, said interface further configured during said receive mode to feed said modulated baseband signal generated by said RF head to said host computing device, such that said baseband processing unit is enabled to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, and said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program is enabled to separate said protocol data from said true data, said interface further configured during said transmit mode to feed said modulated baseband signal generated by said host computing device to said RF head.

8. (amended) The RF modem of Claim 7, wherein said RF modem is dimensioned to fit within a cradle for said personal digital assistant.

9. (amended) The RF modem of Claim 1, wherein said host computing device is a laptop computer.

13. (amended) A system for providing wireless data communications comprising:

(a) a wireless radio frequency (RF) modem comprising:

(1) an antenna;

(2) an RF head coupled to said antenna, said RF head configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna and to convert said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal, said RF head further configured during a transmit mode to receive an externally generated modulated baseband signal and to convert said modulated baseband signal into an electromagnetic signal to feed to said antenna; and

(3) an interface coupled to said RF head; and

(b) a host computing device physically coupled to said RF modem via said interface, said host computing device configured during said receive mode to receive said modulated baseband generated by said RF head through said interface, to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, and to

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cont separate said protocol data from said true data, said host computing device further configured during said transmit mode to generate said modulated baseband signal for feeding to said RF head through said interface.

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5 15. (amended) A wireless radio frequency (RF) modem constructed to cooperatively operate with a host computing device having a memory and a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory, said RF modem comprising:

an antenna;

10 an RF head coupled to said antenna, said RF head configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna and to convert said  
a<sup>6</sup> electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal, said RF head further configured during a transmit mode to receive said modulated baseband signal and to convert said modulated baseband signal into said electromagnetic signal to feed to said antenna;

15 a baseband processing unit coupled to said RF head, said baseband processing unit configured during said receive mode to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, such that said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program is enabled to separate said protocol data from said true data, said baseband processing unit further configured during said transmit mode to  
20 convert said plurality of bits of data including said protocol data and said true data into said modulated baseband signal; and

an interface coupled to said baseband processing unit and configured to physically couple said RF modem to said host computing device.

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25 17. (amended) A system for providing wireless data communications comprising:

(a) a wireless radio frequency (RF) modem comprising:

a<sup>7</sup> (1) an antenna;

(2) an RF head coupled to said antenna, said RF head configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna and to  
30 convert said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal, said RF head further

configured during a transmit mode to receive said modulated baseband signal and to convert said modulated baseband signal into said electromagnetic signal to feed to said antenna;

(3) a baseband processing unit coupled to said RF head, said baseband processing unit configured during said receive mode to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, said baseband processing unit further configured during said transmit mode to convert said plurality of bits of data including said protocol data and said true data into said modulated baseband signal; and

(4) an interface coupled to said baseband processing unit; and

(b) a host computing device physically coupled to said RF modem via said interface, said host computing device configured during said receive mode to separate said protocol data from said true data, said host computing device further configured during said transmit mode to combine said protocol data with said true data.

19. (amended) A wireless radio frequency (RF) modem having at least one predetermined operating characteristic and constructed to cooperatively operate with a host computing device, said host computing device having a memory, a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory, and a baseband processing unit, said RF modem comprising:

an antenna;

an RF head configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna coupled to said RF head and to convert said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal for baseband processing in said host computing device, said RF head further configured during a transmit mode to receive a modulated baseband signal generated by said host computing device and to convert said modulated baseband signal into an electromagnetic signal to feed to said antenna;

an interface coupled to said RF head and configured to physically couple said RF modem to said host computing device, said interface further configured during said receive mode to feed said modulated baseband signal generated by said RF head to said host computing device, such that said baseband processing unit is enabled to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, and said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program is enabled to separate said protocol

data from said true data, said interface further configured during said transmit mode to feed said modulated baseband signal generated by said host computing device to said RF head; and

an RF identification unit ("RFID") coupled between said RF head and said interface, said RFID operative to generate an identification signal that identifies said at least one operating characteristic of said RF head, said interface configured to feed said identification signal to said host computing device such that said host computing device is enabled to detect said identification signal and decode said at least one operating characteristic.

20. (amended) A wireless radio frequency (RF) modem having at least one predetermined operating characteristic and constructed to cooperatively operate with a host computing device having a memory and a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory, said RF modem comprising:

an antenna;

an RF head coupled to said antenna, said RF head configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna and to convert said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal, said RF head further configured during a transmit mode to receive said modulated baseband signal and to convert said modulated baseband signal into said electromagnetic signal to feed to said antenna;

a baseband processing unit coupled to said RF head, said baseband processing unit configured during said receive mode to convert said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data, such that said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program is enabled to separate said protocol data from said true data, said baseband processing unit further configured during said transmit mode to convert said plurality of bits of data including said protocol data and said true data into said modulated baseband signal;

an interface coupled to said baseband processing unit and configured to physically couple said RF modem to said host computing device; and

an RF identification unit ("RFID") coupled between said RF head and said interface, said RFID operative to generate an identification signal that identifies said at least one characteristic of said RF head, said interface configured to feed said identification signal to said

host computing device such that said host computing device is enabled to detect said identification signal and decode said at least one operating characteristic.

21. (amended) A method for wireless data communications in a system comprising a wireless radio frequency ("RF") modem having an RF head and an interface, said RF modem constructed to cooperatively work with and be physically coupled at said interface to a host computing device, said host computing device having a memory, a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory and a baseband processing unit, said method comprising:

(a) receiving by said system an RF electromagnetic signal having information to be received, said receiving comprising:

(1) receiving in said RF head said electromagnetic signal;  
(2) converting by said RF head said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal;

(3) feeding by said RF modem through said interface said modulated baseband signal into said host computing device;

(4) converting by said baseband processing unit said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data;

(5) separating said protocol data from said true by said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program; and

(b) transmitting by said system an electromagnetic RF signal having information to be sent, said transmitting comprising:

(1) generating by said baseband processing unit a modulated baseband signal from said plurality of bits of data including said protocol data and said true data, said plurality of data bits representing said information to be sent;

(2) feeding by said host computer through said interface said modulated baseband signal into said RF modem;

(3) converting by said RF head said modulated baseband signal into said electromagnetic signal having information being sent.

22. (amended) A method for wireless data communications in a system comprising a wireless radio frequency ("RF") modem having an RF head, a baseband processing unit and an interface, said RF modem constructed to cooperatively work with and be physically coupled at said interface to a host computing device, said host computing device having a memory and a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory, said method comprising:

(a) receiving by said system an electromagnetic RF signal having information to be received, said receiving comprising:

- (1) receiving in said RF head said electromagnetic signal;
- (2) converting by said RF head said electromagnetic signal into a modulated baseband signal;
- (3) converting by said baseband processing unit said modulated baseband signal into a plurality of bits of data including protocol data and true data;
- (4) separating said protocol data from said true data by said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program; and

(b) transmitting by said system an electromagnetic RF signal having information to be sent, said transmitting comprising:

- (1) generating by said CPU said plurality of data bits including said protocol data and said true data, said plurality of data bits representing said information to be sent;
- (2) generating by said baseband processing unit a modulated baseband signal from said plurality of bits of data bits including said protocol data and said true data;
- (3) converting by said RF head said modulated baseband signal into said electromagnetic signal having information being sent.

24. (amended) A wireless radio frequency (RF) modem constructed to cooperatively operate with a host computing device having a memory, a central processing unit ("CPU") for executing a protocol stack software program stored in said memory, and a baseband processing unit, said RF modem comprising:

an antenna;

an RF head coupled to said antenna and configured during a receive mode to receive an electromagnetic RF signal through said antenna, to convert said RF signal into a modulated baseband analog signal and to perform analog to digital conversion of said RF signal to enable said host computing device to perform a baseband processing function, said RF head  
5 further configured during a transmit mode to receive a digital signal generated by said host computing device and to convert said digital signal into an electromagnetic RF signal to feed to said antenna; and

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10 an interface coupled to said RF head and configured to physically couple said RF modem to said host computing device, said interface further configured during said receive mode to feed said digital signal generated by said RF head to said host computing device, to enable said baseband processing unit to perform said baseband processing function and to enable said CPU operating under the control of said protocol stack software program to separate protocol data from true data, said interface further configured during said transmit mode to feed said digital signal generated by said host computing device to said RF head.

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Please add the following new claims:

25 (NEW) . The RF modem of Claim 1, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

20 26 (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 1, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

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27. (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 1, wherein the RF modem is detachable.

25 28. (NEW) . The system of Claim 13, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

29. (NEW) The system of Claim 13, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

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30. (NEW) . The RF modem of Claim 15, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

5 31. (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 15, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

32. (NEW) . The system of Claim 17, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

10 33. (NEW) The system of Claim 17, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

34. (NEW) . The RF modem of Claim 19, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

15 35. (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 19, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

20 36. (NEW) . The RF modem of Claim 20, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

37. (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 20, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

25 38. (NEW) . The RF modem of Claim 21, wherein said modulated baseband signal is an analog signal.

39. (NEW) The RF modem of Claim 21, wherein said modulated baseband signal is a digital signal.

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